

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is provided to remove issues for appeal and to present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, rather than to avoid prior art.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above identified application. As of the Final Office Action mailed on December 17, 2004, Claims 1-30 were pending. Claims 1-30 were rejected. Since the Final Office Action, Claims 4, 8, 14 and 28 have been amended by rewriting them into independent form. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-13, 19-27 and 29-30 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enter the present amendment for consideration of claims 4-5, 8, 14-15, 16-18 and 28 on appeal.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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